

Marshland Rural District Council



1968

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

J. McD. HANLEY

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.

AND

THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A. L. WESLEY

F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.



District Council Offices
Alexandra Road,
Wisbech.

MARSHLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Chairman (Councillor S. Booley), the Vice-Chairman (Councillor C.L. Burman) and the full Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH -

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DOWNHAM MARKET.

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also holds appointments of -

Assistant County Medical Officer of Health
School Medical Officer
Medical Officer of Health, Downham Market Urban District Council
Medical Officer of Health, Downham Rural District Council
Medical Officer of Health, King's Lynn Borough Council
Medical Officer of Health, Freebridge Lynn District Council.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR -

A. L. Wesley, F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND ASSISTANT SURVEYOR -

H. J. Hill, M.A.P.H.I.

CLERK -

Mrs. A. Copeland.

MARSHLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee,

I have the honour to present my report for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

County Health Service.

Shown below are figures for immunisations carried out by general practitioners and local authority staff in my area during 1968.

Smallpox Vaccination

Primary Vaccination		Total	Revaccination		Total
Under 5	5 - 15		Under 5	5 - 15	
263	19		7	61	

Tetanus

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
558	25		617	315	

Whooping Cough

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
524	NIL		188	8	

Diphtheria

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
557	13		607	268	

Poliomyelitis

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
580	4	584	563	64	627

B.C.G. Vaccination

Number given the preliminary skin test	Number Vaccinated	Number referred for Chest X-ray
412	353	8

Measles Vaccination

Under 8	8 - 15	Total
635	39	674

To my mind, the main event of this year is the institution of measles vaccination. At first vaccine was scarce and only priority groups of young children were treated, but by June we were able to vaccinate all children presented to us.

The effect of this vaccination has been obscured by the already existing measles infection here, and throughout the year the number of cases of measles notified to me remained high. I am sure, however, that the good effect will be seen more easily next year. Measles has already become a rare disease in the United States and will become so in this country.

B.C.G. inoculation against tuberculosis has again been successful. I am pleased at the large numbers of parents who have agreed to have their children protected in this way.

The results of skin tests show that there is virtually no tuberculos infection in our area. This has remained so for the past seven years and is a good indication of the basically healthy situation.



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The 'At Risk' register is now firmly established. This is a notification procedure whereby all children with congenital defects are routinely notified to the health authorities. In addition, all factors surrounding the mother's pregnancy and confinement, and the child's condition at birth which might give rise to defect later on, are noted, and an annual medical check is instituted.

Until about ten years ago parents were reluctant to admit their child's defect but as a result of widespread information and publicity in press, radio and television, parents are more aware of the nature of these conditions and demand active measures to alleviate them. This is a welcome change.

Our efforts in health education are being greatly aided by series of programmes presented on television and radio. My staff are still in demand to give advice and specialised information after these broadcasts and this is readily given, but the fact that they are so well presented lightens the burden of the lecturer.

Smoking and lung cancer. The lack of progress in reducing smoking is so depressing that I do not like to comment.

Dr. Malcolm Potts, medical secretary of the International Planned Parenthood Federation stated recently in a report the odd fact that for every woman who dies as a possible result of taking oral contraceptives, at least 1,000 women and men die as a direct result of smoking but no one worries about it.

Oral contraceptives are available by doctor's prescription only while cigarettes are freely available everywhere.

The strength of our habits in deciding our prejudices is seldom so well demonstrated.

Finally, I would like to record my appreciation for the assistance and support I have had during the year from the Clerk, Public Health Inspectors and members of the Local Health Office staff.

J. McD. Hanley,
Medical Officer of Health.

THE FIRST PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF LONDON, FROM THE
BEGINNING OF THE CITY, TO THE
PRESENT TIME, AS CONTAINED IN
THE RECORDS OF THE CITY, AND
IN THE CHRONICLES OF THE
KINGS OF ENGLAND.

THE SECOND PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE
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KINGS OF ENGLAND.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	56,562
Population in 1931	15,350
Population in 1951 (Census)	16,567
Population in 1968 estimated mid year home population	17,770
Number of separate dwellings occupied 1968	6,120
Ratable value 1968	£393,582
Product of a penny rate 1968	1,554

LIVE BIRTHS

Rate per 1,000 population	17.04
Ditto for Administrative County	16.03
Ditto for England and Wales	16.9
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births .	4.04

DEATHS (All Causes).. 177

Rate per 1,000 population	11.25
Ditto for Administrative County	11.04
Ditto for England and Wales	11.9

STILL BIRTHS 7

Rate per 1,000 total live and still Births	23.02
Ditto for Administrative County	11.33
Ditto for England and Wales	14.0

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS 304

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year). 7

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total Live Births	23.56
Ditto for Administrative County	15.0
Ditto for England and Wales	18.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Births ...	24.56
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births .	NIL

(EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE)

(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births)	13.46
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NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births) ... 16.90

PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Still Births and Deaths under one week combined per
1,000 total Live and Still Births) ... 36.18

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including Abortion)

Number of Deaths ...	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births ..	NIL

1. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Norfolk Executive Council, Horse Fair House, 17, St. Faiths Lane,
Norwich.

Clerk - F.H. Adams, Esq..

(a) GENERAL

- (i) Norfolk Norwich Hospital, Norwich.
- (ii) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.
- (iii) Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.
- (iv) St. James' Hospital, King's Lynn, (for chronic sick).
- (v) North Cambs Hospital, Wisbech.
- (vi) The Howdale Home, Downham Market.

(b) MATERNITY.

- (i) Bowthorpe Maternity Hospital, Wisbech.
- (ii) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital (Maternity Unit).
- (iii) Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

(c) INFECTIOUS

- (i) Isolation Hospital, King's Lynn.
- (ii) Peterborough Isolation Hospital.
- (iii) Cambridge Isolation Hospital.

(d) SANATORIA

- (i) Kelling Sanatorium, Holt.

(e) MENTAL.

- (i) St. Andrews Hospital, Norwich.
- (ii) Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.
- (iii) Little Plumstead, Norwich.

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MATERNITY SERVICES

- (a) District Nurses showing areas served (at times of compilation of this report).

Nurse Stevens - Terrington St. Clement, Terrington Marsh, Walpole St. Andrew and Walpole Cross Keys.

Nurse Flewin - Terrington St. John, Fen End, Tilney St. Lawrence (Excluding Islington), Marshland St. James and Walpole Highway.

Nurse Reynolds - Tilney All Saints and Clenchwarton.

Nurse Browne - Islington.

Nurse Kinsey - West Walton, Walsoken (Norfolk part), Walpole St. Peter (inc. Walton Highway).

Nurse Marshall - Outwell and Emneth.

Nurse Horton - Upwell, Lakesend and Three Holes.

- (b) MATERNITY

Beds in Regional Hospital Board Establishments.

(i) Bowthorpe Maternity, Wisbech.

- (c) Health Visitors (Showing Parishes and Villages served).

Miss Davis	Clenchwarton
Archway House,	Terrington St. Clement (N & S of
Terrington St. John.	Railway Line)
	Terrington Hay Green
	Terrington St. John
	St. John's Fen End
	Terrington Marsh
	Tilney All Saints
	Tilney St. Lawrence
	Walpole St. Andrew
	Walpole St. Peter
	Walpole Cross Keys
	Walpole Highway
	Walsoken
	West Walton

Miss O'Leary,	Elm
Local Health Office,	Emneth
Downham Market.	Lakesend
	Marshland St. James
	Outwell
	Upwell
	Walton Highway
	Three Holes

Mrs. Wittred,
Local Health Office,
King's Lynn.

Islington and Tilney-cum-Islington.

3. AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

The hospital car service for the Marshland area is conducted by the Local Health Office, Nelson Street, King's Lynn.

The Marshland area is jointly served by the Downham Market and King's Lynn Ambulances.

Infectious Disease cases are conveyed by East Dereham, Wisbech and King's Lynn Ambulances.

4. RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN MEDICAL LOAN DEPOTS

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|----------------------------|--|
| (a) Terrington St. John | - Mrs. D. Greer, 'Somerville',
Terrington St. John. |
| (b) Walpole St. Peter | - Mrs. G. Woods, Walpole St.
Peter. |
| (c) Terrington St. Clement | - Mrs. Holbourne, Terrington
Lodge, Terrington St. Clement. |
| (d) Upwell | - Mrs. G. West, Croft House,
Upwell. |
| (e) Walpole Highway | - Mrs. Pepper, Kettle Row,
Walpole Highway. |

5. COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

(a) INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

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|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|
| (i) Walpole St. Peter | - 2nd Tuesday. | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| (ii) Terrington St. Clement | - 3rd Tuesday. | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| (iii) Clenchwarton | - Last Monday. | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| (iv) Emneth | - Last Tuesday. | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| (v) Tilney St. Lawrence | - Last Thursday. | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| (vi) West Walton | - 2nd Wednesday. | 2 - 4 p.m. |

The Assistant County Medical Officer of Health attends at the above centres.

In addition Village Infant Welfare Centres are held at the following villages - Upwell and Three Holes. These centres are conducted by the Local Nurse/Midwives and Health Visitors, and are visited periodically by the Assistant County Medical Officer.

(b) HOME HELP SERVICE

The County Home Help Scheme is doing excellent work and Home Helps are at present available for most parishes and villages.

6. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.

MALES - Tuesdays - 5. 30 p.m.
 Fridays - 4. 30 p.m.

FEMALES AND CHILDREN - Tuesdays - 3. 00 p.m.
 Fridays - 3. 00 p.m. - 4. 00 p.m.

7. DISINFECTION

(i) Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Senior Public Health Inspector's Staff.

8. LABORATORY SERVICE

(a) Public Health Laboratory, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.
Under the direction of Dr. L.M. Dowsett.

(b) Public Analyst, Eric C. Wood, Ph.D., A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C.,
Clarence House, 6, Clarence Road, Norwich.

(c) Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

CAUSE OF DEATH		M	F	Total
B18	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	2	1	3
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	3	2	5
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	7	1	8
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	2	2
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	2	2
B19(6)	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	10	3	13
B20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	3	4
B46(1)	Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1	1
B46(4)	Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	-	1	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	3	3
B27	Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	24	17	41
B29	Other forms of Heart Disease	7	7	14
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	8	11	19
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	2	9
B32	Pneumonia	9	7	16
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	3	6
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
B34	Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	3	3
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-	2
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
B44	Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	2	3
B45	Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	2	3	5
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-	3
BE48	All Other Accidents	1	1	2
Total All Causes		98	79	177

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1968.

It is pleasing to record the introduction of a weekly refuse collection service from October. There is every indication that householders have taken full advantage of the service with a consequent improvement in the hygiene of the district.

The cesspool emptying service was again fully stretched to meet the increasing demand and to cope with the extra mileage caused by concentrating disposal of cesspool contents at the Borough Sewage Farm, Walpole Marsh. The very wet late Summer and Autumn added to the usual winter problem of the high water table experienced in the area.

Another landmark was reached in the commencement in August of the Clenchwarton and Terrington St. Clement Sewerage Scheme. The contract is scheduled for completion in the next three years when the new outfall works at King's Lynn will be ready to receive the flow.

In conclusion I should like to express my appreciation of the Committee's support and to thank the Clerk and other Officers of the Council for their help. My thanks are due also to my Assistant, Mr. H.J. Hill and Mrs Copeland for their loyal service.

WATER SUPPLY:

This service is provided by the Wisbech and District Water Board.

The following information has kindly been supplied by Mr. J.S. Collins, Chemist and Bacteriologist, Wisbech and District Water Board:-

The water supplied to the Marshland Rural District comes from one source:-

(a) The Board's Marham Works.

Frequent bacteriological examinations have been undertaken during 1968 on samples from the Board's Marham Works, Beechamwell Pumping Station and Margaretta Bridge Pumping Station and the distribution system in this area. The results have been of a high standard. No reason was found for the one positive sample from a consumer's tap during the year. A repeat sample and subsequent samples were excellent. Many chemical analyses have also been carried out.

All new mains were sterilised, samples taken and bacteriological examinations made before the mains were put into service. No connections were permitted until the water in the mains was of the highest standard of purity.

A sample taken on the 31st December, 1968, from the 18" main at Marham Pumping Station (Marham mixed treated water) on which a fluoride estimation was carried out had a fluoride content of 0.02 parts per million (as F).

The fluoride content of a sample from borehole 'B' at Beechamwell taken on the 29th October, 1968, was nil.

SUMMARY of Examinations and Analyses

Samples Taken	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical</u>
	No. of Tests Taken	No. of Tests Negative	No. of Tests Positive	<u>Analyses</u>
Board's Works - Raw Waters	262	248	14	
Board's Works - Treated Waters	667	667	-	
Margaretta Bridge Pumping Station	191	191	-	
Consumer's Taps	227	226	1	
Totals	1,347	1,332	15	128

Total of all examinations and analyses: 1,475

Out of the total of Board's treated water samples, samples taken at Margaretha Bridge Pumping Station and samples taken from consumers' taps, 99.9% were negative on examination for organisms of the coliform group. This represent a continued very high standard of bacterial purity.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

Cesspools, privy vaults and septic tanks, with sewage disposal plants on the larger Council Housing Sites, are the main methods of disposal.

The cesspool emptying service was operated by three vehicles, two 1,500 and one 1,100 gallon capacity (850 gallon as standby), which were fully employed in coping with the demand from both Council and private properties. Regular de-sludging of the sewage plants serving Council housing sites was also carried out.

The very wet conditions experienced during the Autumn created a difficult problem especially as disposal for cesspool contents was confined to the Borough Sewage Farm, at Walpole Marsh, and one other straw pan at Outwell. Longer hauls had to be made with a reduction in the number of jobs able to be carried out. The use of larger capacity emptiers (1,500 gallons) has helped in this respect.

The following work was carried out during the year and again an increase was shown over the 1967 figures:-

Cesspools

4,136

Privy Vaults

83

Housing Plants

115

It is interesting to note the decrease in the emptying of privy vaults, which shows steady progress in conversion of vaults to water closets.

Work commenced in August on the Clenchwarton and Terrington St. Clement Sewerage Scheme. The inclement weather caused many problems but reasonable progress was made.

RIVER POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTS:

The district continues to be controlled by the two main Internal Drainage Boards of the Marshland Fen and West of Ouse together with the Middle Level Commissioners with outfalls controlled by the River Boards of the Nene and Ouse.

FRUIT PICKERS' QUARTERS AND SEASONAL WORKERS - CARAVANS:

The problem of housing and siting caravans for seasonal workers still exists. Periodical visits to sites were continued and except for a few isolated cases a reasonable state of cleanliness and order was maintained.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

During August a survey of the Anglers' Camps at Outwell and Upwell was made and a report made to the Norfolk County Council.

There are 17 licensed individual caravans in the district.

The small site of three residential caravans closed during the year.

INFESTATION BY PESTS:

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| (a) Bed Bugs | No reports of infestation were received. |
| (b) Fleas | No cases were reported or found. |
| (c) Flies | No major problems arose. The joint refuse tip was treated by the Department and individual cases were dealt with by modern insecticides. |
| (d) Cockroaches | No cases of infestation were reported. |

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACTS:

A rodent operator is not employed by the Council. There were no heavy infestations reported. The Department maintained a constant watch over the refuse tip and baiting continued regularly. Advice was given to various persons reporting infestations and in some cases help was given by the Department in controlling infestation on premises.

PUBLIC CLEANSING:

The Council commenced a weekly kerbside collection in the district from October.

Use of the Wisbech Canal was continued and by December a length of approximately 8,150 feet had been filled. This tip is receiving the refuse from the Borough of Wisbech and Marshland and Wisbech Rural District Councils. Measures were taken against fly and rodent infestation and injurious weeds were cut down on the filled section. Trade refuse was accepted under the control of the Surveyors.

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES:

279 visits were made to all types of food premises during the year.

No. of Premises to which Food Hygiene Regs. 1960 apply.	No. of Premises fitted with Wash Hand B's.	No. of Premises to comply with Reg. 19. F.H. Regs. 1960.	No. Premises complying with Reg. 19.
109	109	105	105

No. of Premises
Registered to sell
Ice Cream.

49

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the district.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES - MEAT INSPECTION:

No slaughterhouses were in operation during the year and no progress was made on the premises under construction at Walpole St. Peter.

POULTRY INSPECTION:

Two poultry processing premises have been in use. Both have a small throughput, in one case, poultry and the other ducklings, and regular inspections were made.

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED:

	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.	Beef
	6	lbs.	Tinned Greengages
7 cwt.	100	lbs.	Pineapples
	98	lbs.	Ice cream, ice lollies etc.
4 cwt.	105	lbs.	William Pears.

MILK AND DAIRIES:

Milk samples were taken by the staff of the County Council.

OFFENSIVE TRADES:

There is one licensed knacker's yard in the area at Terrington St. John and conditions continued satisfactorily.

HOUSING:

Some small progress was made on the Slum Clearance programme and appreciation should be recorded of the Council's help in this respect. By arrangement with the Housing Officer, applicants rehoused from properties were notified to my department. Inspection of these houses was made and appropriate action taken either by closing or for repairs to be carried out. Development by Private Enterprise and Council went ahead and I give below the number of new dwellings completed.

Houses and Bungalows completed by the Council - 8
Houses and Bungalows completed by Private Enterprise - 72

314 Plans were submitted to the department during the year for approval under the Building Regulations, 1965.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS DURING 1968.

Parish	Closing Orders made	Under- takings accepted	Demolition Orders made	Demolition by Formal/ Informal action	C.Orders and D.Orders deter- mined
Clenchwarton	4	-	1	-	-
Emneth	3	-	1	-	-
Marshland St. James	-	-	-	-	-
Outwell	-	-	1	-	-
Terr. St. Clement	3	-	3	-	2
Terr. St. John	2	-	-	-	-
Tilney All Saints	-	-	-	-	1
Tilney St. Lawrence	-	-	-	-	-
Upwell	1	-	-	-	-
Walpole St. Andrew	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole St. Peter	1	-	1	1	1
Walsoken	-	-	-	1	-
West Walton	3	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	17	-	7	2	5

HOUSING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS:

It was found necessary to serve informal notices on owners of properties to carry out certain essential repairs and all these were carried out without the service of statutory notices.

Standard Grants

Applications approved - 51.

Discretionary Grants

Applications approved - NIL

On receipt of Improvement Grant enquiries inspection of properties was made with the Council's Architect and the applicants given appropriate advice.

NUISANCES - General Complaints - Routine Visits etc.

Summary of Visits - 1968.

	<u>Visits</u>
Building Regulations	1,908
Sub-soil Drainage	75
Movable Dwellings	55
Factories	49
Bakehouses	7
Refuse Collection and Disposal	351
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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT. 1963:

59 premises comprising retail shops, small offices, fuel storage depots are registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

21 premises were reinspected during the year and where not complying with the Act, informal notices were served.

FACTORIES:

No formal action was necessary. The numbers of factories and bakehouses registered in the District are as follows:-

Parish	No. with Mechanical Power.	No. with no Mechanical Power.
Clenchwarton	2	-
Emneth	12	2
Marshland St. James	2	-
Outwell	3	-
Terr. St. Clement	10	1
Terr. St. John	5	-
Tilney All Saints	1	1
Tilney St. Lawrence	4	-
Upwell	9	2
Walpole St. Andrew	6	1
Walpole St. Peter	3	2
Walsoken	2	1
West Walton	3	-
TOTALS	62	10

1.	Number of Visits made	45
2.	Number of Notices issued	-
3.	Prosecutions	-
4.	Types of defect found and by whom reported	2
5.	Action taken to remedy defects	-
6.	Number of Outworkers	2

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